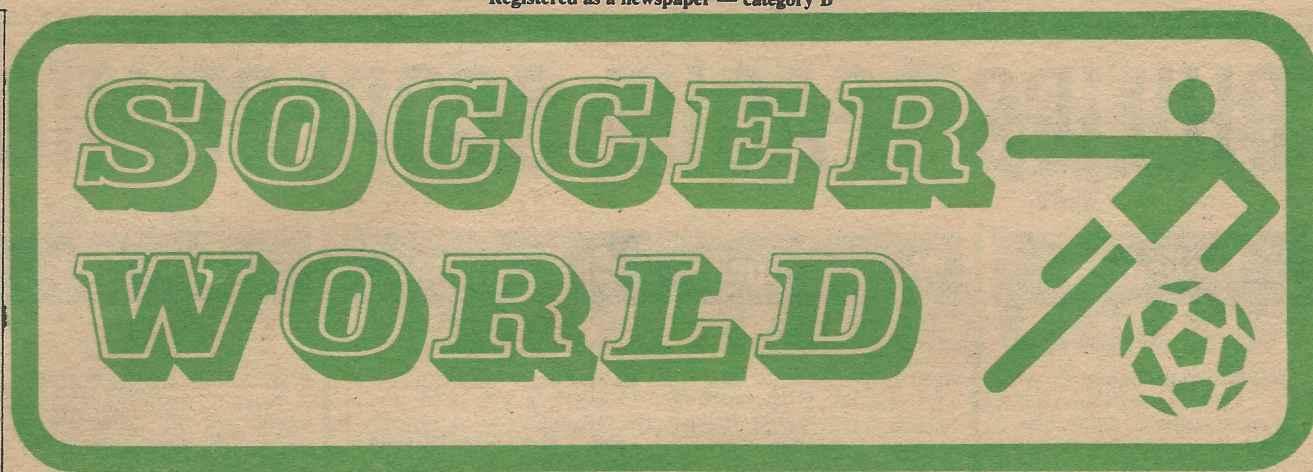




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GREEKS-ROOS MEET!

Our welcome visitors of the Greek National team have a definite purpose — the build-up for the current European and the next World Cup.

Contrary to popular opinion, they could be fielding a rather mature team when they step out on to the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The average age of the players could be as high as 26 if the young reserves do not start the game.

The Australian team will have to cut out tricky winger Christos Ifandidis and central striker Dimitrios Gesios if they are to secure an acceptable result after the 2-1 loss in Melbourne.

A 25,000 crowd in Melbourne indicates how much they are appreciated here.

Injury has deprived the Sydney crowd of seeing Thomas Mavro, the 21-year-old star of champions and Cup winners AEK.

Thirty-three-year-old Christos Terzanidis is expected to use his great skills to settle this developing team.

Aiketas Panagoutias, the national coach, is facing great problems, but things are on the improve.

From an 0-3 loss to Finland, followed by a 0-6 to Rumania, the team secured a scoreless draw with Bulgaria.

This is Jim Shoulder's farewell to arms in Australia.

Which of the newcomers he has so boldly selected will prove themselves in the class necessary to remain in the national squad?

In Melbourne he brought Chris Kaiafatidis (South Melbourne), Joe Piccione (Footscray) and Gary Coile (Fitzroy) into calculations.

Adelaide's Wednesday night Australian team had many hands who are well on the build, and not one veteran was used.

In Sydney there will be the former Westralian Sauro Iozzelli (Brisbane City), John O'Shea (St. George), Gary Meier (Sydney Olympic), Joe Senkalski (Sydney Olympic), John Karaspyros (Marickville Olympic), and Sebastian Giampaolo (Inter Monaro).

Australia and Greece have provided close contests since first meeting in 1969.

Sunday's encounter promises to be a thriller in the same vein.

Australia's previous "A" international record against Greece is: 1969, 1-0 (Sydney), 2-2 (Brisbane), 0-2 (Melbourne); 1970, 3-1 (Athens).

The tour is all too short, but we trust that Chief of Delegation Leonidas Seintanidis and his party enjoy their short stay amongst friends in Australia, and have a safe trip home to Athens.

Their managers and coach have been invited to attend a dinner by the NSW Division of the Australian Soccer Press Association and the Australian Federation at the British Ex-Services Club, Sydney, tonight when they arrive in Sydney.

The party will also attend a dinner dance in their honour arranged by Sydney Olympic and the ASF at Paddington Town Hall on the night of the Sydney match.

The Greek national team is due to leave from Sydney Airport at 4.15pm on Monday.

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND

SUNDAY 3 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN XI

GREECE

LIKELY TEAMS

(GOLD)

() Todd CLARKE
() Sauro IOZZELLI
() Steve PERRY
() Col BENNETT
() Paul DEGNEY
() Peter STONE
() John O'SHEA
() Murray BARNES
() Peter SHARNE
() Joe SENKALSKI
() Phil O'CONNOR

() Gary MEIER
() John KARASPYROS
() Seb. GIAMPAOLI

• Write team numbers in brackets when announced.

(WHITE & BLACK)

() Nicolaos CHRISTIDIS
() John KYRASTAS
() Theodoros PALLAS
() Petros RAVOUSIS
() Anthimos KAPSIS
() Christos TERZANIDIS
() Petros KARAVITIS
() Charalambos XANTHOPOULOS
() R. E. KONDOGEORGAKIS
() Dimitrios GESIOS
() Christos IFANDIDIS

() Ilias ALEXIADIS
() Christos ZIAKOS
() Panagiotis PANDELIS
() George TZIVOGLLOU
() Nicolaos LIAKOS

EUROPE v S. AMERICA CUP FINAL

— From Andrew Dettre in Argentina —

Argentina's hopes of winning the 1978 World Cup have been revived following their placement in the much easier second round Group B and avoidance of West Germany, the only team they really fear.

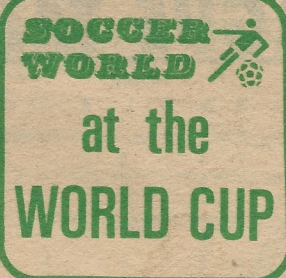
Ever since losing to them 1-3 last year here in Buenos Aires the Argentinians have regarded the Germans as their main stumbling block to the trophy.

Now it is certain that the final will have at least one European team, as four of them make up Group A.

There seemed to be some confusion as to the final order in Group 3, of the first round, and Argentine newspapers said that lots may be drawn to decide whether Austria or Brazil is regarded as first.

They both finished on four

points and both have the same one goal difference. The FIFA rule says quite clearly that in such cases the team scoring



more goals is the winner, and that must be Austria.

New interpretations had apparently been sought in a strange effort to remove Brazil from Argentina's group which would have three South American teams.

Goodbye Scotland! Stuart Kennedy (1) and keeper Alan Rough foul Dutch player John Rep inside the penalty area for the goal which put Scotland out of the Cup. Rensenbrink scored from the spot to leave Scotland winning 3-2 but needing 3 clear goals advantage to qualify.

If this had been done, despite the clear cut rules, FIFA would have had to face charges of amateurish tampering with the regulations.

Group A, playing in Buenos Aires and Cordoba is murderously tough, at least on paper, but I begin to lean more and more towards Italy who have yet to put a foot wrong.

If they can get past Germany on Wednesday, I expect them to reach the final on June 25.

After 24 matches and the 1000th World Cup goal being scored courtesy of a Robby Rensenbrink penalty against Scotland, it is still impossible to detect a logical Cup favourite.

Germans, Dutch, Poles and Brazilians are far from over impressive and this really leaves Argentina and Italy as the main contenders.

Nor have we so far seen the emergence of a super star in the Pele, Bobby Charlton or Beckenbauer mould.

Certainly there are hosts of outstanding players, but no one as yet has been able to steal the show.

Perhaps if I had to pick out one player it would be Roberto Bettega of Italy, but he will have to carry his team through to the winners rostrum on Final Day to gain the general acclaim of the world.



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Easts Hakoah

1 (1)

ES HAKOAH: Clarke 3, Mullen 3, Thomson 3, Mowbray 3, O'Connor 3, Simao 2 (Smith: 65m), Watson 4, Barnes 4, Campbell 4, Souness 4, Silva 3.

Goals: 1-0 Campbell (16m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 4725 (double header). **Caution:** Mountford.

This was a strange match. Neither side really dominated in attack, yet there was plenty of action in front of goal and numerous good chances. Hakoah especially were eager to pepper Newcastle's goal with long range shots, as both Barnes and Souness proved, but they found Dando in superb form. In the first period he saved a great shot from Barnes, then in the second half saved two certain goals from curving volleys by Ian Souness. Ironically it had been a soft shot which beat him early in the game when Campbell gratefully accepted a horrid backpass from Roy 'own goal'.

Newcastle

0

NEWCASTLE: Dando 6, Willis 3, Curran 3, Mason 3, Summerscales 3, Drinkwater 2, Hardes 3 (Amey: 80m), Mountford 3, Boden 3, Johnston 4, Gaipin 3.

Drinkwater to slip the ball home from 10 metres. Newcastle looked decidedly jaded in the second period, and apart from a few runs by Johnston and Curran showed little force. Boden was far too ponderous and gave Hakoah defenders plenty of time to charge down his few shots. In the last 10 minutes they managed to rally, but for all Gaipin's dash on the wing there was nobody in the middle. Hakoah took the second half too easily, feeling quite secure, and luckily for them managed to survive with both points.

— S. DETTRE

West. Suburbs

2 (0)

WESTS: Lachowicz 4, Skellern 4, Ankudinoff 3, Samuels 4, Turnbull 3, O'Donnell 3, Harding 3, Stone 6, Scott 5, Eaton 5, Rowden 4.

Goals: 0-1 Pirie (21m), 0-2 Laing (24m), 1-2 Stone (51m), 2-2 Eaton (78m). **Crowd:** 4725 (double header). **Caution:** Ankudinoff, Scott, Laing.

Gimmicks such as bands, marching girls and athletic meetings would be of secondary importance in bringing back the football fans if each week soccer could be played as both Wests and Olympic did on a drab and cold afternoon at Wentworth Park. Both sides threw off the worries of past weeks, the poor form, the bad results, and put everything into attack for 90 minutes. Olympic started the trend when they scored two goals in the space of three minutes early in the first half, but not before high drama when the Greeks' Scottish idol Billy Pirie hit a weakly taken penalty into Lachowicz's arms. Pirie was far more aggressive after that miss and

Syd. Olympic

2 (2)

OLYMPIC: Karakostas 4, Constantinou 3, Cross 3, Wilson 3, McIntosh 4, Jamieson 4, Laing 5, Stravopoulos 4, Pirie 5, Davourlis 4 (Raskopoulos: 62m), Ainslie 5.

Goals: 0-1 Pirie (21m), 0-2 Laing (24m), 1-2 Stone (51m), 2-2 Eaton (78m). **Crowd:** 4725 (double header). **Caution:** Ankudinoff, Scott, Laing.

got totally absorbed in the match, scoring one and setting up the other when his header rebounded for Laing to poke it home. Wests, stunned by Olympic in the first half hour, were brilliantly pushed forward by Peter Stone, playing with aggression, speed and flair, and their two goals were no surprise. The second half in fact was full of incidents, with Olympic creating some spectacular flowing moves that were unfortunate not to be finished off by the glorious left foot of Alan Ainslie. Wests, in Stone, Eaton and Scott, also had some fine moves which all highlighted a thoroughly enjoyable match.

— S. DETTRE

Brisbane City

1 (1)

CITY: Wishart 3, Iozelli 4, Tokesi 3, Perry 5, Kibbey 3, Gaffney (Coyne 46) 4, Echeverria 4 (Johnson 75), Caldwell 4, Marley 3, Connor 4.

Goals: 1-0, Caldwell (pen 36m), 1-1 Campbell (55m). **Referee:** D. Nugent. **Crowd:** 3100. **Caution:** Buijevic.

In a game reminiscent of their great cup battles of 1977, City gave the conquerors of Marconi the fright of their lives. Fitzroy, minus Cole and Tansey understandably took their time in settling into a new formation and City in their true up and at 'em style tried to take advantage of the situation. But always they found old enemy Peter Blasby, who appears to keep his best form for Perry Park and City in particular, in great form. The lanky goalie had four or five magnificent saves and these helped to turn the tide for the Melbourne boys. After the break, when City led by a Caldwell penalty goal, Fitzroy began to come more

Fitzroy

1 (0)

FITZROY: Blasby 5, McMillan 4, Provan 3, O'Reilly 4, Bannon 4, Taylor 3, Campbell 5, Bozidak 4, Micevski 3, Buljevic 5, Rakovatis 3.

and more into the match and were aided by injury to Gaffney and Echeverria's substitution, none of the replacements having the impact on the game that these two had had. Campbell, a clever little player, had a shot headed off the line and skipper Bannon's attempt met the same fate but finally Campbell got what he deserved, when he hammered a shot under Wishart into the net. Fitzroy now pined into City, Buljevic and Bozidak looking very dangerous but City managed to hold on for a point which, on their first half showing they deserved. A hard exciting contest that was a good advert for soccer.

— J. Binnie.

Marconi

3 (1)

MARCONI: Maher 4, Brogan 3, Degney 4, Russell 3, Prskajlo 5, Richards 5, Jankovics 4, Vieri 5, Rooney 4, Mariani 3, Sharne 4.

Goals: 1-0 Wilson o.g. (14m), 1-1 Morris (59m), 2-1 Neale o.g. (80m), 3-1 Vieri pen. (87m). **Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 3461. **Caution:** Richards.

As might be expected, Marconi coach Rale Rasic's trip to Brisbane to see the Lions-Footscray match on Queens Birthday brought its dividend. No doubt Rasic was quite sure that his only real threat came from Lions' winger Geoff Morris, so being without Garry Byrne on the day and with Barry Jones still injured, he switched left-back Paul Degney to take Morris and young Peter Brogan handled the other side. On one of the few occasions Morris fought clear he brilliantly headed Lions' only goal. It came in the 59th minute when Marconi were one ahead. Paul Lasio's corner was headed on by Col Bennett, and Morris stuck it out of reach of Allan Maher's clawing hands. Marconi's first goal came from sustained pressure with Rooney hooking the ball close in and Leon Wilson goalied it for the opposition. The second, which put Marconi back into the lead with 10 minutes remaining, also came from an own goal. Peter Sharne broke through to

Brisbane Lions

1 (0)

LIONS: Lownds 4, Potter 3, Hermiston 5, Bennett 4, Niven 3, Neale 3, Spearritt 3, Lasio 3 (Ontong: 61m), Hughes 3, Morris 4, Wilson 3.

the bye-line, John Neale left Mark Jankovics in a bid to cover, but he cut the ball into his own net. The third goal was scored from the spot by Roberto Vieri, who gave Nigel Lownds no chance. Jankovics lifted the ball over Lownds, Col Bennett charged into the goal and was convicted by referee Tim Davies of handling although he certainly appeared to knock the ball clear with his head. The foundation of Marconi's win was well and truly laid by Ivo Prskajlo, Ray Richards and Vieri, with Jimmy Rooney chipping in, as well. The rest of the team did well, but there is no substitute for craft. The loss brought to an end Lions' run of 9 premierships and one cup game without a loss, even if six draws were involved. Marconi considered themselves unlucky not to have been awarded a penalty, but in these cases too much pressure should not be put on referees who make honest on the spot judgments.

— K. GILMOUR

West Adelaide

2 (1)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Tymoczyszyn 4, Reynolds 4, McGachey 4, Kambas 3, Bozanic 4, Boyle 5, Piliars 4 (Koulianos: 71m), Norris 3, Honeyman 4, McGregor 3.

Goals: 1-0 McGregor (28 m), 2-0 Norris (90 m). **Referee:** R. Kerr. **Crowd:** 4,380. **Caution:** Henderson.

It was a long time between goals for Westad as they recorded their sixth successive win to remain firmly entrenched in second position on the PSL table.

There was in fact a time lapse of 62 minutes between West's first and second goals — 62 minutes of suspense as the supporters were kept pondering if Canberra would notch an equaliser or if Westad would grab an insurance goal.

West finally deserved their success, but it was not one of their polished efforts.

Too often they were bogged down in the mid-field and too often they crowded the centre in the penalty area instead of making use of the flanks.

Many of the faults were remedied in the second half but the sense of urgency so apparent in other games was missing for lengthy periods.

However, Peter Boyle emerged as West's hero of the hour with another great display of non-stop foraging and bustling.

Boyle's exploits included laying on passes for both of West Adelaide's goals.

The first came after 28 minutes when Boyle dived spectacularly to head a pass to Ian McGregor who snapped the ball truly past Ron Tilised in the Canberra goal.

Westad and their long suffering supporters had to wait until the final minute for the goal which was to guarantee both points as Boyle climaxed a great run with an accurate pass to Neil McGachey.

The West captain hammered a drive from outside the penalty area which Tilised spoiled and Graham Norris nipped in to clip the ball into the corner of the net.

Canberra made two changes to the side which lost 1-3 to Adelaide City last week, bringing in Terry Byrne and Kenny Kawaleva to replace John Davies, who was required for national team duty, and Jim Cant lost through suspension.

West made one change, recalling Dave Piliars for David Jones who played for an Australian XI against Greece on Sunday.

Piliars was forced to leave the field 10 minutes from full-time suffering from a head gash which required six stitches.

West gave no hint that they might be struggling when they attacked

Canberra City

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CANBERRA CITY: Tilised 3, Moulis 4, Marinello 4, Henderson 4, Stark 3, Parker 4, Hogg 4, Guicic 4, Kawaleva 3, Byrne 4, Brown 3.

right from the kick-off through Boyle and Barry Reynolds.

Then Ivan Guicic broke away for Canberra to rifle a shot from just inside the penalty box, but Marlyn Crook brought off a good diving save.

Boyle let loose with a screamer which Tilised tipped over the crossbar at the 16 minute mark, but then their mid-field stagnated and their strikers were bunched in the City penalty area.

A smart interchange between Boyle and McGregor ended as McGregor shot wide after he accepted a return pass to streak into the penalty area.

West concentrated their attacks down the wings from the start of the second half to create chances from Vic Bozanic, Graham Honeyman and McGachey.

West were denied a penalty nine minutes from time when Boyle was floored after he shrugged off a tackle from John Brown, but appeared to be tripped as he cut in to shoot with only Tilised to beat.

Newcastle

From Myles Hay

NEWCASTLE KB v AUSTRALIA XI 3-2

Goals of vintage quality thrilled a crowd in excess of 6,000 when Newcastle United held off a late challenge from Jim Shouler's Australian select to win 3-2.

Played in the intimate surroundings of the compact Crystal Palace under floodlights, the Newcastle players appeared to relish the close contact with their followers.

Ace striker Ken Boden remarked after the match that the atmosphere at the packed ground brought out something extra from the team.

Boden mesmerised the Australian defence in the first half with a glorious individual goal.

He picked up the ball and in a typical close haunting manoeuvre weaved his way past three defenders before applying the coup de grace with a delicately placed shot wide of goalkeeper Allan Maher.

Minutes before a classic effort by Slav Catalovski had given Newcastle the lead.

A defence splitting clearance from Billy Summerscales saw Craig Mason head the ball into the path of

Catalovski. Chesting the ball down with split second control he advanced three paces into the penalty area and unleashed a lightning bolt drive.

Not to be overshadowed by Newcastle's two fine goals in the opening period, Hakoah's Murray Barnes reduced the arrears with the first of his two counters.

Newcastle again gained a two goal advantage when Summerscales forced the ball over the goal line during a corner kick scrimmage, before Barnes ripped a great shot past Ossie Bellamy midway through the second half.

Newcastle were without regulars Phil Dando, Craig Johnston and Bob Mountford, though their replacements acquitted themselves well.

Midfielder Bill Amey returned after a long absence with leg hamstring trouble but was replaced in the second half by John Sneddon.

Newcastle KB United 3 (S. Catalovski, K. Boden, W. Summerscales) beat **Australia XI 2** (Barnes 2), at Crystal Palace, Wallsend. **Crowd:** 6,102 (under floodlights).

Overcome Cup delays

The soccer public should demand that the deferred Marconi-Croatia Philips Cup tie be played immediately and preferably at Sydney Sports Ground or Marconi Oval next Wednesday night.

The match has all the ingredients necessary to provide one of the highlights of the Sydney season.

The fans are sick of postponements, for whatever reason.

Such a decision would involve a stand down by Auburn, who are in the right frame of mind to challenge Croatia that night in a State League fixture.

However, it is about time that some statesmanship is exhibited so that

football can replace an uninteresting deferment saga.

Both Croatia and Marconi say they have been ready to play. Croatia blame Marconi for not playing. Marconi blames Croatia. The NSW Federation is unhappy with the Philips League or the ASF, and the League points to the NSW Federation.

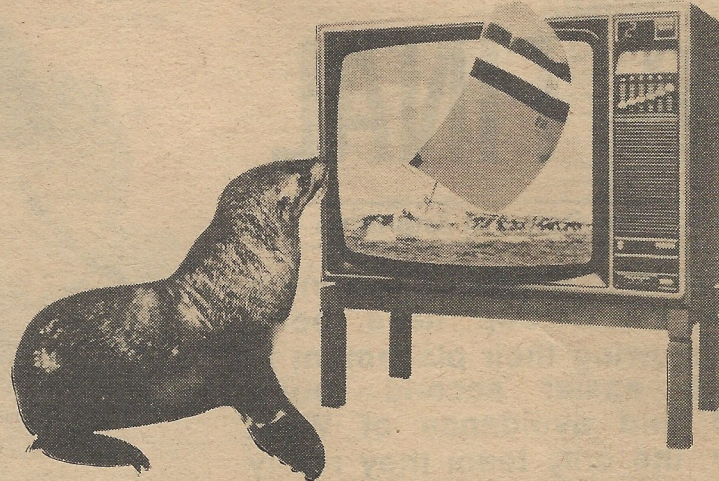
Commonsense dictates that the match should be played before Croatia leaves for their American tour.

This will pump interest into a clear draw for second round matches, which are due to be completed in July.

Meanwhile the St George Souths (Queensland) and Brisbane City clash was to take place at Perry Park last night (Wednesday).

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In brackets: Last week's placings	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) MARCONI	15	10	4	1	35	14	24	8	7	1	—	25	9	15	7	3	3	1	10	5	9
2 (2) WEST ADELAIDE	15	9	2	4	22	16	20	7	4	—	3	13	10	8	8	5	2	1	9	6	12
3 (3) EASTS HAKOAH	15	7	4	4	29	16	18	8	4	2	2	13	6	10	7	3	2	2	16	10	8
4 (4) SOUTH MELBOURNE ..	15	6	6	3	21	15	18	8	3	3	2	12	9	9	7	3	3	1	9	6	9
5 (6) FITZROY	15	5	6	4	21	21	16	7	4	2	1	12	6	10	8	1	4	3	9	15	6
6 (5) BRISBANE LIONS	15	4	8	3	20	21	16	7	1	5	1	7	8	7	8	3	3	2	13	13	9
7 (7) WESTERN SUBURBS ..	15	5	5	5	26	27	15	8	3	4	1	14	11	10	7	2	1	4	12	16	5
8 (9) ADELAIDE CITY	15	5	4	6	19	21	14	8	3	2	3	11	9	8	7	2	2	3	8	12	6
9 (8) BRISBANE CITY	15	6	2	7	19	22	14	8	4	1	3	10	9	9	7	2	1	4	9	13	5
10 (10) FOOTSCRAY	15	3	6	6	11	17	12	8	1	2	5	6	11	4	7	2	4	1	5	6	8
11 (11) NEWCASTLE	15	3	6	6	20	28	12	7	1	3	3	10	14	5	8	2	3	3	10	14	7
12 (12) CANBERRA	15	1	9	5	16	24	11	7	—	7	—	10	10	7	8	1	2	5	6	14	4
13 (13) OLYMPIC	15	3	5	7	17	26	11	7	1	2	4	8	11	4	8	2	3	3	9	15	7
14 (14) ST. GEORGE	15	4	1	10	17	25	9	7	3	—	4	9	10	6	8	1	1	6	6	12	3



PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

BONANZA WEEKEND TIPPED FOR GOALS

Top billing this week would certainly have to go to the Fitzroy-Easts Hakoah clash at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Fitzroy's onward rush was halted temporarily last week when Brisbane City snatched a point, something of a let-down after the demolition of Marconi the previous week.

Hakoah, playing well within themselves, coasted through the second half against a lethargic Newcastle to register yet another victory, and set the scene for a titanic battle.

With such explosive forwards as Silva, Souness, Cole, Buljevic and the two Campbells, the jubilant Greek fans should be in for a fine match, with a draw the predicted result.

However, goals are expected to be the big feature of the round.

A rejuvenated Sydney Olympic take on the mighty Westad this week in what could be a great game in front of a good crowd.

Admittedly Olympic must be kicking themselves for allowing Wests to equalise last week after being two nil up, but with a little work on the back line that problem can be rectified.

Olympic looked most stylish in attack, with both Stravopolis and Ainslie orchestrating things in midfield, and Pirie and Laing firing in the forward line.

Westad will have a hard time on their hands if they take Olympic too lightly, for the Adelaide team's defence is not the most watertight.

In fact, Westad's defence is really only known for its attackers, with Tymoczyszyn, Reynolds, McGachie and Kambas all will-

ing to venture forward and help up front.

However it is exactly this attacking "fever" which has pushed Westad all the way up the ladder, and so another bout of attacking football is on the cards, with possibly Westad having the ability to edge out Olympic by a goal or two.

Marconi suffered some heart flutters last week against a powerful Lions but luck held out for them and two own goals and a penalty enabled Marconi to remain four points clear at the top.

This week they face a demoralised and dejected Footscray, who have gone from bad to worse, and who have been deserted by their once loyal and numerous supporters.

Anything but a convincing win for Marconi could be taken as a failure, for unless a minor miracle strikes for "Plavi" they have little hope of making the top four, and thus have little to fight for this season.

With Richards, Rooney and Marconi's answer to Bettega, Vieri all firing now, the Bossiey Park crowd should see a few goals at least.

Newcastle takes on South Melbourne this week at home, and will hope to make amends to their loyal followers by producing a victory to erase the memory of their apathetic showing against Hakoah.

The usually nippy Kenney Boden was rather dull last week,

and both Gaipin and Hades only occasionally showed their skill in attack.

South Melbourne on the other hand are fresh from a decisive victory over tailenders St. George, who are now two points clear at the bottom.

After scoring five goals last week the Melbourne strikers' appetite must have been whetted, so unless there is some drastic restructuring in Newcastle's defence, they could be in for a torrid time.

Drinkwater undoubtedly must be a bundle of nerves every time he gets the ball, and to have such an unsteady link in the defence week after week is only inviting trouble.

A comfortable South Melbourne victory is my tip.

The "battle of the bottom" is the only way to describe the Canberra-St. George match at the Bruce Stadium on Saturday.

Both sides are now in the absolute "pits", having suffered a string of defeats and draws that have left them well clear of the upper echelons of the league.

The match will also see former Australian captain Johnny Warren front up to the man who gave him that job in the national team, Joe Vlasits, as these two great names now control the two struggling sides.

Saints will undoubtedly be out to prove something against Canberra, as there is a strange, undefined rivalry between the two

clubs, built up over the past two years.

Canberra desperately want to get their first home win of the season, and if they can't do it against the bottom team then it is doubtful if they can do it against anyone.

Scoring goals has been a big problem for Canberra, with only one in their two last outings, while at least Saints do create many chances and with an improved Morgan up front could cause some damage.

My tip is for yet another draw, though a narrow win to City wouldn't surprise.

Adelaide City have begun a slow but steady climb up the table in the past four weeks from 11th spot to eighth place, and against Brisbane City they will hope to continue their good run.

It is amazing the effect one player can have, and undoubtedly Dixie Deans has helped the confidence of the City side.

His winner last week was only further proof after the victory over Canberra that Deans is Adelaide's "great white hope", and once again they will be looking for his leadership against Brisbane City.

The Brisbane team pulled off an unexpected shock last week by holding the rampaging Fitzroy to a one all draw, and cannot be totally written off.

However, one feels that Adelaide City's spirit must be riding high and I tip them to beat Brisbane.

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Syd. Olym. v West Adel. Erskinvillie, 3pm
Marconi v Footscray Marconi Oval, 3pm
Newcastle v Sth. Melb. Int. Sp. Centre, 2.30pm
Canberra v St. George Bruce Stadium, 3pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Adel. City v Bris. City Olym. Sp. Field, 2.30pm
Fitzroy v ES Hakoah Olympic Park, 3pm
Bris. Lions v West Subs. Perry Park, 3pm

(Philips Soccer League games in Sydney are being played on Saturday due to the Australian XI versus Greece at Sydney Cricket Ground, 3.00 p.m. Sunday, 18 June, 1978).

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Canberra v Syd. Olym Bruce Stad., 3pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Sth. Melb. v Bris. Lions Middle Pk., 3pm
West. Subs. v Fitz. Utd. Wentworth Pk., 1.00pm
ES Hakoah v Footscray Wentworth Pk., 3.00 pm
St. George v Adel. City Barton Pk., 3.00pm
West Adel. v Newc. KB Utd Hindmarsh St., 2.30pm
Bris. City v Marconi Perry Park, 3.00pm

Brisbane Lions' lack of a real goal poacher let them down against Marconi last week and could also be a telling factor this Sunday as they take on the hot-and-cold Western Suburbs.

Lions, though managing to pull one back against the leaders, had to rely upon their diminutive striker Geoff Morris for firepower and against the hard Wests' defence one feels he may have a rugged time.

With Peter Stone playing in inspired form against Olympic last week, Wests looked a fine side,

and hopefully they can keep up the imaginative football.

If they do they can be assured of a victory, for in both Eaton and Scott they have two great strikers who need only half a chance from their midfield colleagues to snatch a goal.

Lions have a fine defence, on paper, but so far this year it has failed to live up to its high expectations and has conceded an alarming number of goals.

A Wests' victory is on the cards here, even if by the narrowest margin.

Vic's quick kicks

The difficulties being expressed by Adelaide City having too many stars is gradually diminishing. Two weeks ago Scottish imports Graham Fyfe and Pat McCluskey returned home. Last week State mid-fielder Henry Kolecki transferred back to his old club Polonia. David Rigby is seeking a transfer, both Beograd and Polonia are interested.

Results of the second round Federation Cup played on June 5, CROATIA 2, AZZURRI 1; PARA HILLS 3, WEST TORRENS 1; ADELAIDE CITY (Third Div.) 3, SALISBURY 1; CUMBERLAND 2, BEOGRAD 1; VICTORIA 1, LION 0; ADELAIDE UNI 1, SAIT 0; NOARLUNGA 2, POLONIA 1; CAMPBELLTOWN 1, ELIZABETH 0.

Elizabeth City Secretary Brian Ballard is confident that his club has a rosy future. Mr Ballard said this week that youth is the name of the game at Ramsay Park. "This season youngsters like Bryan Aston, Bobby Hunter, Gary Ward, Keith Hughes and Russell Mitchell are all in our first team squad. With this new club policy we will benefit, you'll see". Elizabeth City U16 colts coached by Brian Dooley have yet to drop a point this season.

The 16,000 record crowd set last July at Hindmarsh Stadium when



Kolecki

Australia played Hong Kong could well be smashed tonight (Wed. 14th), when Australia meets Greece. The Adelaide Permanent Building Society are the official co-sponsors of this match.

Eastern District Azzurri club notices of social activities; Every Friday evening at the ISCA Club.

Adelaide News

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Sydenham Road, Norwood, BINGO NIGHT. The annual "Porchetta Dance" will be held at the Ukrainian Hall, Hindmarsh on Saturday, 8th July. \$9 dinner and drinks includes The Miss Azzurri 1978 lottery is now open, first prize a holiday to Italy, tickets \$1 from committee members.

A badly torn thigh muscle caused Enfield Victoria to play last week without Bobby Tufts. The club will also be minus their new signing Jim Giorgines for a few weeks. Giorgines had to be taken to Modbury Hospital with an illness last week.

I could not believe my eyes! Talented Azzurri goal keeper Danny Dibiasi played as a central striker in the reserve match last Saturday — Dibiasi sat on the bench as reserve to David Liddicoat in the senior match.

It's all magic for Cumberland United Club — top of the rothmans first division table and unbeaten in the first round. Last Saturday's win over Croatia marked 198 games for star-midfield specialist John Mason, two off for his life membership Ace keeper Robert Parks should be back in goals this week against Noarlunga after nursing a knee injury for the past three weeks.

FIRST DIVISION										
Seniors	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Cumberland Utd	7	2	—	17	6	16				
Croatia	4	2	3	16	9	10				
Enfield Victoria	3	4	2	15	12	10				
Elizabeth City	3	4	2	8	7	10				
ED Azzurri	4	1	4	13	9	7				
Para Hills	3	3	3	10	12	9				
Polonia Adelaide	3	2	4	10	15	8				
Noarlunga United	2	3	4	11	14	7				
USC Lion	2	3	4	9	16	7				
Beograd Woodville	1	2	6	8	16	4				
Reserves	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Elizabeth City	7	1	1	26	8	15				
Polonia Adelaide	7	1	1	17	7	15				
Begrad Woodville	4	3	2	16	14	11				
Para Hills	4	1	4	11	10	9				
Cumberland Utd	3	2	4	10	12	8				
USC Lion	2	4	3	10	16	8				
Enfield Victoria	3	1	5	7	11	7				
Noarlunga United	2	3	4	5	9	7				
Croatia	1	5	3	9	14	7				
ED Azzurri	1	1	7	6	16	3				
Juniors	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Polonia Adelaide	8	1	—	33	6	17				
Para Hills	5	3	1	16	7	13				
ED Azzurri	6	1	2	15	7	13				
Begrad Woodville	5	1	3	25	21	11				
Enfield Victoria	4	2	3	12	12	10				
Noarlunga United	3	1	5	11	14	7				
Croatia	3	—	6	6	17	6				
Cumberland Utd	2	1	6	8	17	5				
USC Lion	2	1	6	11	24	5				
Elizabeth City	1	1	7	9	21	3				

SECOND DIVISION										
Seniors	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Camp/town Budapest	6	3	—	17	9	15				
Port Adelaide	6	2	1	26	7	14				
West Fields APAC	5	4	—	17	8	14				
Birkalla Rovers	5	2	2	20	9	12				
Orange Sturt Utd	4	2	3	12	16	10				
Windsor Athletic	3	3	3	8	8	9				
Modbury	2	2	5	10	13	6				
Don Largs United	2	—	7	9	19	4				
Salisbury United	1	1	7	4	15	3				
South Adelaide	1	1	7	1	20	3				
Reserves	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Camp/town Budapest	9	—	23	5	18					
Birkalla Rovers	5	3	1	20	8	13				
West Fields APAC	5	2	2	12	9	12				
Windsor Athletic	4	1	4	11	10	9				
Orange Sturt Utd	3	3	3	10	9	9				
Port Adelaide	4	1	4	13	14	9				
Modbury	2	3	4	10	11	7				
Don Largs United	2	2	5	8	12	6				
South Adelaide	1	3	5	11	22	5				
Salisbury United	—	2	7	8	26	2				
Juniors	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Salisbury United	8	—	1	34	7	16				
West Fields APAC	7	—	2	31	9	14				
Port Adelaide	6	1	2	20	5	13				
Birkalla Rovers	5	1	3	29	17	11				
Camp/town Budapest	5	1	3	22	11	11				
Modbury	5	1	3	24	20	11				
South Adelaide	3	—	6	14	23	5				
Don Largs United	1	3	5	11	27	5				
Windsor Athletic	1	—	8	8	45	2				
Orange Sturt Utd	—	1	8	3	32	1				

THIRD DIVISION						
Seniors	W	D	L	F	A	P
Adelaide City	6	1	—	23	6	13
West Adelaide	5	—	2	30	10	10
Noarlunga City	4	2	1	17	11	10
West Torrens	4	1	2	15	10	9
SAIT	2	1	4	7	12	5
Adelaide Uni	1	2	4	9	20	4
Flinders Uni	1	1	5	5	21	3
Brighton City	1	—	6	8	24	2
Reserves						
Adelaide City	6	1	—	22	6	13
Noarlunga City	4	2	1	11	7	10
West Adelaide	4	1	2	11	6	9
SAIT	3	2	2	5	6	8
Adelaide Uni	2	1	3	13	11	7
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Brighton City	1	2	4	6	10	4
Flinders Uni	—	—	7	1	22	—

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Match details

BRAZIL v AUSTRIA 1-0 (1-0) — Brazil: Leao, Toninho, Oscar, Amaral, Neto, Cerezo (Chico), Batista, Dirceu, Gil, Roberto, Mendonça (Zico). Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Obermayer, Pezzey, Breitenberger, Hickersberger (Weber), Prohaska, Krieger (Hapich), Kreuz, Kranki, Jara. Referee: Wurtz (France). Goal: Roberto 40m.

PERU v IRAN 4-1 (3-1) — Peru: Quiroga, Duarte, Manzo, Leguia, Chumpitaz, Diaz, Cueto, Velasquez, Cubillas, Munante, Larosa (Soti), Obillas. Iran: Hedjazi, Nazari, Abdollahi, Allahverdi, Kazerani, Parvin, Sadeghi, Ghasempour, Rowshan (Fariba), Faraki (Jahani), Danaifar. Referee: Jarguz (Poland). Goals: Velasquez 2m, Cubillas 30m (pen.), Cubillas 39m (pen.), Rowshan 40m, Cubillas 78m.

SPAIN v SWEDEN 1-0 (0-0) — Spain: Miguel-Angel, Marcelino, Miguel (Bosca), Olmo, Alvarez (Guzman), Sanjose, Leal, Asensi, Juanito, Santillana, Uria. Sweden: Heistrom, Borg, R. Andersson, Nordqvist, Erlundsson, B. Larsson, L. Larsson, Sjoberg (Linderth), Nilsson, Nordin, Edstrom (Wendt). Referee: Bierski (W. Germany). Goal: Asensi 76m.

SCOTLAND v HOLLAND 3-2 (1-1) — Scotland: Rough, Kennedy, Forsyth, Buchan, Donachie, Souness, Hartford, Gemmii, Daiglish, Jordan, Riich. Holland: Jongbloed, Suurbier, Krol, Rijssenbrey (Wildschut), Poortvliet, Neeskens (Boskamp), Janssen, R. Kerkhof, Rep, Rensenbrink, W. Kerkhof. Referee: Linemayr (Austria). Goals: Rensenbrink 34m (pen.), Daiglish 44m, Gemmii 47m (pen.), Gemmii 68m, Rep 70m.

ARGENTINA v FRANCE 2-1 (1-0) — Argentina: Filioi, Alguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Valencia (Alonso, then Ortiz), Houseman, Luque, Kempes. France: Bertrand (Barateili), Battiston, Lopez, Tresor, Bossis, Bathenay, Michel, Platini, Rocheteau, Lacombe, Six. Referee: Duvauch (Swiss). Goals: Passarella 45m (pen.), Platini 60m, Luque 73m.

POLAND v TUNISIA 1-0 (1-0) — Poland: Tomaszewski, Maculewicz, Szymanowski, Nawaika, Gorgon, Kasprczak, Zmuda, Deyna, Lato, Szarmach (Iwan), Lubanski (Boniek). Tunisia: Naiti, Dhoubi, Jebali, Labidi, Kaabi, Gasmi, Gommich, Rehaem, Akid, Dhiab, Lahzami. Referee: Martinez (Spain). Goal: Lato 42m.

WEST GERMANY v MEXICO 6-0 (4-0) — West Germany: Maier, Vogts, Kaitz, Russmann, Dietz, H. Muller, Bonhof, Fiohe, Rummenigge, Fischer, D. Muller. Mexico: Reyes (Moreno), Tena, Ramos, Vazquez, Mendizabal, Delatorre, Zarza (Gomez), Rangel, Sanchez, Martinez, Cuellar. Referee: Farouk (Syria). Goals: D. Muller 14m, H. Muller 20m, Rummenigge 37m, Fiohe 44m, Rummenigge 71m, Fiohe 89m.

ITALY v HUNGARY 3-1 (2-0) — Italy: Zoff, Gentile, Bellugi, Scirea, Cabrini (Cuccureddu), Tardelli,

Bennetti, Antognoni, Causio, Rossi, Bettiga (Graziani). Hungary: Meszaros, Martos, Kocsis, Kerek, J. Toth, Csapo, Pinter, Zombori, Pusztai, Fazekas (A. Toth), Nagy (Halasz). Referee: Barreto (Uruguay). Goals: Rossi 34m, Bettiga 35m, Bennetti 60m, A. Toth 80m (pen.).

SPAIN v BRAZIL 0-0 — Spain: Miguel-Angel, Marcelino, Miguel (Bosca), Olmo, Alvarez (Guzman), Sanjose, Leal, Asensi, Juanito, Santillana, Cardenosa. Brazil: Leao, Neinho (Gil), Oscar, Amaral, Edinho, Batista, Cerezo, Dirceu, Toninho, Reinaldo, Zico (Mendonça). Referee: Gonetia (Italy).

AUSTRIA v SWEDEN 1-0 (1-0) — Austria: Koncilia, Sara, Obermayer, Breitenberger, Pezzey, Hickersberger, Prohaska, Kranki, Kreuz, Jara, Krieger (Weber). Referee: Corver (Holland). Goal: Kranki 42m (pen.).

SCOTLAND v IRAN 1-1 (1-0) — Scotland: Rough, Jardine, Donachie, Burns, Buchan (Forsyth), Gemmii, Macari, Hartford, Daiglish (Harper), Jordan, Robertson. Iran: Hedjazi, Nazari, Abdollahi, Kazerani, Eskandarian, Parvin, Ghasempour, Sadeghi, Danaifar (Nayeb-Agha), Faraki (Rowshan). Referee: N'Diaye (Senegal). Goals: Eskandarian 43m (own goal), Danaifar 60m.

PERU v HOLLAND 0-0 — Peru: Quiroga, Duarte, Manzo, Chumpitaz, Diaz, Velasquez, Munante, Cueto, Cubillas, Obillas, Larosa (Soti). Holland: Jongbloed, Poortvliet, Krol, Jansen, Haan, R. Kerkhof (Rep), W. Kerkhof, Rensenbrink, Neeskens (Nanninga), Rijssenbrey, Suurbier.

FRANCE v HUNGARY 3-1 (3-1) — France: Drosy, Petit, Lopez, Tresor, Janvion, Bracci, Bathenay, Papi (Platini), Berdoli, Rocheteau (Six), Rouyer. Hungary: Gujdar, Martos, Kerek, Balint, J. Toth, Nyilasi, Zombori, Pinter, Pusztai, Torocsik, Nagy (Csapo). Referee: Coelho (Brazil). Goals: Lopez 22m, Berdoli 36m, Zombori 40m, Rocheteau 31m.

ITALY v ARGENTINA 1-0 (0-0) — Italy: Zoff, Bellugi (Cuccureddu), Scirea, Gentile, Cabrini, Antognoni (Zaccarelli), Bennetti, Tardelli, Causio, Bettiga, Rossi. Argentina: Filioi, Galvan, Gallego, Oiguin, Tarantini, Passarella, Valencia, Ardiles, Bertoni, Kempes, Ortiz (Houseman). Referee: Klein (Israel). Goal: Bettiga 67m.

POLAND v MEXICO 3-1 (1-0) — Poland: Tomaszewski, Szymanowski, Gorgon, Zmuda, Masztaler, Deyna, Kasprczak, Rudy, Iwan (Lubanski), Boniek, Lato. Mexico: Soto, Flores, Cisneros, Gomez, Ayala, Delatorre, Cuellar, Cardenas (Mendizabal), Ortega, Rangel, Sanchez. Referee: Nandar (Iran). Goals: Boniek 42m, Rangel 51m, Deyna 56m, Boniek 83m.

TUNISIA v WEST GERMANY 0-0 — Tunisia: Naiti, Dhoubi, Labidi, Jebali, Kaabi, Rehaem, Gasmi, Gommich, Dhiab, Lahzami, Akid, (Ben Aziza). West Germany: Maier, Vogts, Dietz, Russmann, Kaitz, Bonhof, Fischer, Fiohe, Rummenigge, D. Muller, H. Muller. Referee: Orozco (Peru).

STRIKERS FIND TARGET

From Andrew Dettre in Argentina

The match which could be a preview to the World Cup final resulted in a single goal victory to Italy over Argentina.

There was a plentiful supply of goals in the 24 matches over 11 days after the cautious West-Germany scoreless start.

Here are the reports on some of the teams involved in the second round.

With a superb solo effort Roberto Bettiga, Prince of Italian soccer, crushed Argentina 1-0 in Riverplate stadium.

The brilliant form of the Italians continued in this match where the Argentinians were pushing forward nonstop but with little system.

Both goalies were forced to brilliant saves in a fairly even first half.

After the break the Italians became more cautious yet their counter-attack always spoilt danger.

Argentina attacked like a cavalry regiment but their strikers seldom put moves together.

Without injured Lugue in goal Argentina lacked punch as neither the strong Kempes nor tricky Ortiz were able to break through.



Bettiga

Bettiga played one-two with Rossi in the 68th minute, slipped past Oiguin and from 10 metres crashed the ball into the corner.

For the rest of the match the Italians were content to defend as even a draw would have given them the group lead and the right to continue in Buenos Aires.

Argentina pressed but in vain. Several times Kempes, Ardiles and then Houseman took theatrical dives but Israeli referee Abraham Klein was unimpressed.

Peru accomplished another great feat by holding mighty Holland to a scoreless draw in Mendoza.

Although Holland had more of the ball, the total football concept floundered on a tight Peruvian defence where Chumpitaz reigned supreme.

In the midfield, veteran Peru striker Cubillas had another great game, outfoxing his Dutch counterparts.

Johannes Neeskens looked jaded and after a slight injury was replaced by Nanninga. Rensenbrink was very closely marked and so the Dutch were restricted to long range shooting by the van der Kerkhof twins as well as Rijssenbrey.

Holland relied on speed and quick one-two passing to break through. Peru countered with precise slow passing and a ball holding game.

Argentina struggled badly, though gamely, against France, and won 2-1 only with some refereeing goodwill in Buenos Aires.

In the 9th and 16th minutes France twice came close to scoring through Six and Rocheteau.

Just on half time local hopes were reinforced through an exceptionally benign decision from the Swiss referee. Luque barged into the penalty area and swept the ball onto Tresor, France's black captain, and fell, at which the referee gave a penalty.

Captain Passarella did not look the gift horse in the mouth and duly converted.

In the 61st minute Bathenay's shot rebounded from the crossbar and Platini knocked the ball in for the equaliser.

Barely 15 minutes from the end Argentina went into the lead when the aggressive and powerful Luque's left foot shot from 18 metres into the corner.

The last hope for the Tricolors came five minutes later when Six was clearly brought down inside the box but the Swiss referee thought otherwise.

In Cordoba a revitalised West Germany wiped the floor with a weak and amateurish Mexico, winning 6-0.

Right from the beginning the German's put the Mexican goal under siege and two quick goals by Dieter Muller and Hansi Muller set the tone for the game.

Rummenigge scored the third in the 37th minute, and then Fiohe's glorious dipping shot just before half time killed off the Mexican resistance.

In the second half the Germans slowed up but still remained in full control of the match.

Rummenigge added the fifth in the 71st minute and then midfielder Fiohe smashed home the last of the six goals in a one sided encounter.

The German changes for the game had a beneficial result.

Dietz came in for Zimmermann, Rummenigge for Abramczik, Dieter Muller for Beer and the team became much faster and more direct.

One of the heroes of Germany was Hansi Muller, only 21, and improving with every match for this country, and developing into a new star.



Karl-Heinz Rummenigge

MATCH STORIES

Spain labored for a narrow win over the awkward Swedes when they should have won by four goals.

The short Spaniards contrasted sharply with the giant Swedes yet they completely outwitted and outplayed them.

The difference in technique was glaring in the Spaniards' favour and they created a dozen chances but missed all except one when captain Asensi swept through alone to score a magnificent goal.

But for goalie Heistrom Sweden could have suffered an embarrassing defeat.

This Swedish team's only attributes are physical strength and stamina but football wise they are no better than Australia.

Scotland came within a whisker of overpowering Holland in Mendoza but finally had to contend with an odd goal win.

At one stage the Scots led 3-1 and to squeeze Holland from the semi-finalists needed a three-goal win.

Then Rep came to Holland's rescue making it 3-2 and dashing the last of the Scottish hopes.

Scotland fielded for the first time Souness and his partnership with Gemmii in midfield bewildered the slow Dutch.



Graeme Souness

Rensenbrink's penalty goal made it 1-0 for Holland and this was the 1000th goal scored in World Cups since 1930.

Scotland came back with a superb volleyed goal by Daiglish then soon after halftime Gemmii also scored from a penalty then added a second with a great solo run and perfect lob over the goalie.

This was undoubtedly the best Scottish display and with similar ones they would have had no trouble qualifying.

Jordan and Daiglish tormented the Dutch defence non stop and the team played with verve and spirit.

The Dutch were composed and seemed to worry only about not losing by three goals.

Scotland's revival was too small and too late but at least they salvaged some of their mauled reputation.

With four changes in its line-up Brazil beat Austria 1-0 in Mar Del Plata, and gave an improved display.

In the opening minutes, Koncilia saved two great shots but in the 36th, Roberto's vicious long-range blast dipped into the corner. It was evident the Austrians were anxious to avoid injury as they had already qualified for the second round.

In the second period, the Austrian defence had no trouble holding the slow moving Brazilian attack at bay. Towards the end, the Austrians came close to an equaliser, but Jara's long shot in the 89th minute just missed with goalie Leao stranded.

Had that gone in, Brazil and Spain would have finished dead level in the group and a toss of the coin would have decided the qualifier.

SOCCER WORLD at the WORLD CUP

Two penalties by Cubillas helped Peru to an easy 4-1 win over Iran who conceded a total of four spotkicks in three matches with over zealous tackles.

In the first half a polished Peru outclassed the Iranis who came back only in the second half.

The final score perhaps was slightly exaggerated as the Iranis also had chances and one or two penalties seemed harsh.

Cubillas scored the third goal after a nice movement and with this became top scorer of the first round on five goals.

Italy, playing at times brilliantly, earlier completely outclassed a colourless and disappointed Hungary to win 3-1 and could have made it 6-1.

Once again, as against Argentina, the Hungarians missed the game's first big chance and again it had to fall to Laszlo Nagy.

In the thirteenth minute he beat three defenders, then when only facing goalkeeper Zoff he shot high from 10 metres.

Italy gradually took over with precise passing and confident moving off the ball and began to look like a far superior team.

In the thirty fourth minute a hard Italian shot deflected off a defender and with the goalkeeper going the wrong way Rossi had no trouble in pushing the ball home from 2 metres.

One minute later, Stopper Kocsis allowed the ball to drop behind him inside the box and Bettiga simply stepped forward, stole the ball and calmly lifted it into the corner of the net from eight metres.

In the 60th minute the third goal arrived. Rossi on the left wing passed to Bettiga, whose square ball was hammered home by Bennetti from 20 metres.

Ten minutes from the end Csapo was fouled inside the box and substitute Andras Toth converted the penalty for the consolation goal.

Brazil struggled for ninety minutes against Spain in Mar Del Plata without once looking convincing.

This Brazil is not even a shadow of the poor 1974 team, and even less than those former great sides which captivated millions all over the world.

Their old rhythm and flair is gone, and the improvising ability is reduced to occasional individual tricks.

Even their once famous technical superiority has vanished as Spain matched them in every phase of the game.

Admittedly Rivelino did not play because of an injury but surely the Brazilian reservoir is rich enough to survive the absence of one veteran.

The biggest disappointment to me was the average performance of the celebrated stars Zico, Cerezo and Batista.

Zico, often labelled the white Pele, is a busy clever little player somewhat reminiscent of former Sydney star Alan Westwater.

I'm not saying that he isn't a good player, but you can't compare him to the far better Europeans such as Bettiga, Hansi Kranki, Rossi, Rensenbrink and others.

What used to characterize Brazilian football, imagination, color and artistry, are largely missing from this team.



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ITALY-ARGENTINA FINAL?

Despite early confusion as to whether Austria's three goals scored was worth more than Brazil's two, the World Cup draw went ahead as scheduled for the semi-final round.

There should be some tremendous matches on Wednesday, as the final eight teams finished almost equally divided on opposite sides of the footballing continent.

So on the assumption that the semi final rounds stay the way they should be we will see some tremendous matches on Wednesday.

In Buenos Aires the two top Europeans, Germany and Italy, will clash, with the certain knowledge that the loser will drop out of the race.

The Italians have been much more impressive, and have handled all kinds of opposition well.

Holland can't be too sure against Austria, as their display against Scotland was devilishly bad.

This is no longer the Holland of 1974, and not just because of the absence of Cruyff.

In Rosario, Argentina is expected to be too fast and pulsating against Poland.

The hosts cannot afford another slip up, and this is most unlikely as the Poles have been only average so far.

In Mendoza, Brazil may have some problems with Peru, who are as good as their results.

With Cubillas as the top scorer of the tournament so far with five goals to his credit, the Brazilians will make a big mistake if they underrate their polished neighbours.

Any team which doesn't have at least three points by Sunday

night cannot expect to reach the final.

The match of the day should be Argentina-Brazil in Rosario, but the Holland-Germany tussle in Cordoba won't be too far behind in atmosphere.

This will be the first vital match between the two West Europeans since the 1974 World Cup Final, and they both realise that only one of them can make it to the top, if that, considering Italy's brilliant form.

After the next two match days, I expect in Group A, Italy to lead the field from Germany, while in Group B, Argentina should be poised to achieve their dream of making the June 25 final.

SECOND ROUND GROUPS

GROUP A
ITALY
AUSTRIA
W. GERMANY
HOLLAND

GROUP B
POLAND
PERU
ARGENTINA
BRAZIL

SCHEDULE GROUP A

JUNE 14: Italy v West Germany, Austria v Holland.
JUNE 18: Italy v Austria, West Germany v Holland.
JUNE 21: Italy v Holland, West Germany v Austria.

GROUP B

JUNE 14: Poland v Argentina, Brazil v Peru.
JUNE 18: Poland v Peru, Argentina v Brazil.
JUNE 21: Poland v Brazil, Argentina v Peru.

CUP NEWS

Austria's Johann Krankl, 25, seems certain to join Barcelona at a transfer fee of \$700,000, to replace the retired Johan Cruyff. Krankl is one of the most accomplished scorers in European soccer and one of the great goals he scored here was against Spain, his future hosts.

After the first two matches, both drawn, Brazilian fans declared coach Claudio Coutinho an unmitigated disaster and in Rio and Sao Paulo streets burned his effigies — the same way they treated 1966 coach Vicente Feola.

President of Argentine Federation Alfredo Cantillo said all members of the squad plus staff attached to the team stand to get 24,000 dollars if they win the World Cup.

Fourteen rowdy Scots were arrested and held for two hours in Cordoba for parading on the streets drunk and



Krankl

carrying insulting signs. Reports say it was a Scottish team photo.

Several World Cup coaches will resign shortly: Austria's Senemowitshe, France's Hidalgo, Argentina's Menotti have announced plans to quit. Hungary's Baroti will also resign but this is unlikely to be accepted. "You can't topple statues overnight," one Hungarian journalist told me "and we built Baroti into one."

Mar Del Plata is a delightful vast seaside resort on the Atlantic Coast but in winter is pretty quiet. The expected huge tourist influx never materialised and instead of 50,000 Brazilians, only 4,000 made the trip across the border.

The modern new stadium in Mar Del Plata will be a white elephant after the cup in this non-soccer city. The stadium and all its splendid facilities seem to be on a luxurious scale unwarranted for six matches.

Between matches Mar Del Plata city authorities arranged a huge Asado for all visiting journalists — Asado meaning barbecue in Spanish. Enormous quantities of prime beef and sausages were cooked by Gaucho clad chefs in the courtyard of Chapadmalai luxury complex, 30 km from the city, along the coast. Chapadmalai was built by Evita Peron as a holiday and rest resort for industrial workers and still used for that purpose. However there is no sign anywhere of her name.

Mar Del Plata's large press centre was in Grand Hotel, Provincial Twin Building of Grand Hotel Casino, along esplanade and beachfront. This too like almost everything else, offered every convenience, if not luxury, for pressmen far above Germany's standard four years ago. One's feeling is that the Argentinians overdid facilities in their anxiety to impress and please.

It's a small world alright. In my hotel in Mar Del Plata one of the staff members was the sister of Roberto Echeverria, Brisbane City's Argentine star who hails from this city. She showed me with great pride photos

Roberto had sent back to his family from Australia.

Tennis ace Guillermo Villas is also a native of Mar Del Plata, I drove past his superb two-storied villa which for most of the year is deserted, as the Argentine tennis hero travels in search of glory and further fortunes.

Mar Del Plata is not a soccer minded city at all and organisers assigned matches here probably to show visitors this great seaside resort. Undoubtedly it must be one of the best in the world, with a beach miles long in front of luxury hotels, apartments and restaurants, something like Miami or Copacabana. Argentinians say Provincial City of Tucuman would have been a better site from a football viewpoint but lost its case as this city is the notorious spawning ground of Montoneros Guerrillas.

Every hotel where accredited journalists are staying is guarded by Police, day and night, inside and outside. Two at the door and three others lounge around inside. In my small motel there were five Brazilians and myself carefully guarded by five Policemen on three shifts.

In the middle of Mundial the Argentine Government lifted its ban on local press, publishing criticism of country in overseas publications. Argentine newspapers also seem to gain more freedom. Last week they published stories of a march of "mad mothers" parading through Buenos Aires demanding to know the whereabouts of missing sons believed to have been detained.

Only three people had the correct result in last weeks World Cup matches in local pools called Prode. Each will win about \$600,000.

Argentinian striker Luque has his share of troubles. He injured an arm against France and missed the Italy match and now his brother has been killed in a car smash in Santa Fe.

Holland star Neeskens carried off on a stretcher in the Scotland match with badly injured ribs may miss Wednesday's match.

Sweden manager Georg Ericsson said French referee Wurtz in charge of Brazil v Austria match was "pro Brazil", jeopardising Sweden's qualifying chances. Ericsson's accusations are very strange in view of Sweden's pathetic display and then defeat against Spain — at same time when Brazil match was played.

France left on Monday and Hungary on Tuesday to return home after the Cup quest had ended. The Hungarians spent Monday in Buenos Aires, shopping. One player bought ten ladies' handbags. After their poor showing, Customs officials are sure to check them thoroughly at Budapest airport.

Ally McLeod's bubbling spirit has gone. When the Scottish team arrived at Mendoza for the match against Holland he refused to talk to reporters and said he might meet them later at the hotel. All pressmen decided to boycott McLeod later in the day.



COMPLETED FIRST ROUND TABLES

GROUP ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Italy	3	3	—	—	6	2	+4	6
Argentina	3	2	—	1	4	3	+1	4
France	3	1	—	2	5	5	0	2
Hungary	3	—	3	3	8	—	—	—

GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Poland	3	2	1	—	4	1	+3	5
W. Germany	3	1	2	—	6	—	+6	4
Tunisia	3	1	1	1	3	2	+1	3
Mexico	3	—	3	2	12	—	—	—

GROUP THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Austria	3	2	—	1	3	2	+1	4
Brazil	3	1	2	—	2	1	+1	4
Spain	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	3
Sweden	3	—	1	2	1	3	—2	1

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Peru	3	2	1	—	7	2	+5	5
Holland	3	1	1	1	5	3	+2	3
Scotland	3	1	1	1	5	6	—1	3
Iran	3	—	1	2	2	8	—6	1

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STATE LEAGUE DETAILS

YUGAL — CROATIA 0-3 (0-1)

It was obvious that Yugal were stunned from the moment that Croatia's Tom Basic slammed his early goal past Andy Mandrides. To their credit they stuck to their guns and weathered a stormy first half as Croatia, led by Atti Abonyi, launched attack after attack. Two minutes after the interval Croatia went further ahead when Abonyi's free kick found the eager boot of Marijan Kovacic, who easily netted from close range. Yugal caused their own downfall with a reluctance to pass the ball and were so often needlessly caught in possession. Croatia looked good with crisper passing and more direct play,

and they scored a third in the 85th minute when Kevin Coleman angled the ball past the keeper.

YUGAL: Mandrides 3, Radovac 3, Trkulja 4, Novakovic 3, Prgomelja 3, Cuk 2 (Piper: 39m), Delaney 3, Stamenkovic 3, Purac 3, Tanoski 3, Mihailovic 3.

CROATIA: Watson 3, R. Russell 3, Cagali 4, Mullen 3, Smith 3, Basic 3 (J. Russell: 58m), Coleman 4, Savor 3, Abonyi 4, Kovacic 3, Sullivan 4.

Goals: 0-1 Basic (3m), 0-2 Kovacic (47m), 0-3 Coleman (85m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 2500.

— D. WENDT

MARRICKVILLE — GRANVILLE 3-0 (1-0)

Olympic's impressive 3-0 win over Granville established them as a definite threat for the top four. They have now scored 7 goals in two matches whilst keeping their defence intact. The game was marred by the sending off of Jim Herron in the 85th minute. He was charged by referee Gary Power with serious foul play by punching and knocking down Terry Thompson. Ross Brown opened the scoring in the 40th minute by converting Thompson's pass, and Jim Bryden netted a second in the 60th. Peter Balafas played well and was very unlucky not to have scored. In the second half Bryden stood out in the forwards and the midfield were

also on top with Harry Xipolittas playing extremely well indeed.

MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 3, Nezeritis 3, Sheldrick 4, Penman 3 (Kable: 64m), H. Xipolittas 4, Williams 4, Balafas 4, Thompson 3, Bryden 4, Katholas 3 (Karasoyros: 77m, Brown 4).

GRANVILLE: Hoare 3, Selfridge 4, Bigland 3, Sands 3 (Scamperie: 83m), Lackey 4, Barker 3, Thomas 3 (Slater: 75m), Bates 3, Herron 1 (sent off 85m), Fraser 3, Waldron 3.

Goals: 1-0 Brown (40m), 2-0 (60m), 3-0 Brown (84m). **Referee:** G. Power. **Crowd:** 654.

— E. DE MESQUITA

TOONGABBIE — MANLY 0-1 (0-1)

Both teams produced some good attacking moves in a match played under slightly drizzling conditions, but poor finishing by both sets of forwards kept the scoring down. In the 20th minute Manly almost scored through Bob Geoghegan, but in the 29th they came with the only goal of the game but there was an element of luck about it. Bob Kaye, who had a great game, put a perfect pass into the Toongabbie goalmouth and Mick Banks capped an error by goalkeeper Peter Freeman and fired the ball over him into the net. After half-time Toongabbie applied strong pressure but Manly held firm. Laurie

Parkhouse went close with a header for Toongabbie, and the same player was centimetres over the bar minutes later.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 3, Taylor 3, Gerio 3, Oldham 4, Parkhouse 4, Hornazabal 4, Pollard 3, Benito de Valle 3 (Pena: 63m), Izatt 3, Ortega 4, Armlyage 3.

MANLY: Cassettari 3, Gosling 2 (Thompson: 52m), (Stuart: 76m), Harour 3, Dick 3, Stocks 4, Kaye 5, Roozendaal 3, Beverley 3, Banks 4, Geoghegan 4, Geekie 3.

Goal: 0-1 Banks (29m). **Referee:** G. King. **Crowd:** 384.

— G. STREETER

APIA — AVALA 2-2 (1-0)

The first half was quiet with little action, but the second was full of go with the ball swinging from end to end. APIA scored first in the 44th minute when Terry Butler prodded the ball home from five metres following Ken Lindsay's free kick. APIA's second came in the 56th when Bob Fryer's cross was superbly met by John Doyle from close in. Eight minutes later Alan Griffiths pulled one back for Avala, who surged forward and collected a deserved equaliser three minutes from time. Griffiths hit a long 30 metre ball, goalkeeper Dave McQuire parried

the shot but it went over him and into goal.

APIA: McQuire 4, Puiien 4, McMillan 4, Porter 3, McGinn 3, Doyle 4, Butler 4, Ruiz 3 (Carruthers: 75m), Link 4, Lindsay 4, Griffiths 3, Fryer sub.

AVALA: Ahrens 4, Doran 3 (Milovanovic: 70m), Barton 4, S. Deiler 4, Gray 3, Kasumovic 3, Magill 3, Kodor 3, Patterson 4, Morrow 4 (Beater 4: 63m), Griffiths 4.

Goals: 1-0 Butler (44m), 2-0 Doyle (56m), 2-1 Griffiths (64m), 2-2 Griffiths (87m). **Referee:** B. Wilkinson. **Crowd:** 762.

— D. MURTON

SUTHERLAND — ARNCLIFFE 2-0 (2-0)

Sutherland could have run up an immense score had they carried on with the positive football they showed in the first 20 minutes. Arncliffe are still sadly lacking in method and fire power and it is only the strength and determination of a handful of players at the back who manage to keep the scorelines to a reasonable level. Sutherland's midfield did not dominate this game in their usual fashion, and it was left to the two halves and Peter Beggs to maintain the pressure up front. Craig Hall assisted by setting up both goals. Sutherland found it out in very relaxed style in the second half,

although to some degree the ball did not bounce for them.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 3, Schumann 3, Wykes 3, Watkiss 2, Dai Forno 3, Meades 3, Beggs 3 (Hammer 87m), Smith 3, C. Hall 3, Basterfield 2, P. Hall 4.

ARNCLIFFE: Kotzohamas 2, Butler 2, Hall 3, Smart 3, Blackburn 4, Harrington 2, Hooper 2 (Martin: 46m) (Armstrong: 80m), Bankhead 2, Muscovits 3, Briquela 3, Baker 2.

Goals: 1-0 Smith (10m), 2-0 Beggs (11m). **Referee:** K. Small. **Crowd:** 1126.

— R. DEWICK

MELITA — BANKSTOWN 2-0 (2-0)

With a better finish and a little more luck Melita would have won this match with a much bigger margin. Despite the score, the Eagles dictated the pace and pattern of play from start to finish. Winger Brian Parker was in one of his best moods taking part in both moves that produced the goals, and whenever he took possession Bankstown were in trouble as the defence couldn't handle his speed. Colin McAusland and Joe Farrugia were on top in midfield giving Melita the lion's share of the ball but the shooting up front was sometimes erratic. Bobby Smith and Joe Farrugia hit the woodwork each time with the keeper out of sight and Terry Greedy in the Bankstown

goal did not make it any easier with spectacular saves particularly in the opening stages. Greg Lynch gave Bankstown extra strength in defence but in this game they were still outclassed.

MELITA: Bracklow 4, Ververis 4, Mikas 4, Yamine 3, Huntley 4, Darvill 4, Parker 4, McAusland 4, McGovern 3 (Smith 64m), Farrugia 4, Jones 3 (Sciberras 85m).

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 4, P. Thompson 3, Morrison 3, Lynch 4, Rootsey 3, Trusty 2, McMillan 3 (M. Thompson 50m), Williams 3, Peck 3, Dailey 2 (Ingle 82m), Tansley 3.

Goals: 1-0 McGovern (33m), 2-0 Jones (45m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 1275.

— C. Spiteri

Melita Eagles to test Croatians

Melita Eagles have a big debt to repay when they face Croatia at Garside Park on Saturday.

In their first round clash Kevin Coleman (2), Atti Abonyi and Peter Mullen combined to hammer in four goals without reply.

— By Keith Gilmour —

a just so-so start to the season, followed by injury.

AUBURN v TOONGABBIE

If Auburn loses this match they will be severely penalised in their bid to reach the final four.

Toongabbie is looking somewhat sharper than when they were in the doldrums over a month ago and are quite capable of taking Auburn to a close result.

Peter Freeman in goal and Neil Taylor in defence are playing well, and the club supporters are satisfied that Jimmy Izatt is proving himself more and more.

After all their team changes early in the year Auburn proved that they know how to strengthen a team, and they are looking the part just as they did when they made the semi-finals last year.

I fancy them in what should be an exciting match especially after their win over Inter Monaro.

MELITA v CROATIA

Former Maltese international forward Joe Farrugia should be fit to help the Eagles fly after suffering a knock on his thigh a fortnight ago.

Farrugia is a player who can take on Australia's best on his day, and his readiness to fulfill his role in attack or midfield will greatly assist Melita's performance.

Andy Huntley and Vernon Darvill are also going well and will relish the chance to upset their former club.

Croatia have Bruno Cagali running into real form in defence and Peter Mullen is having one of his best seasons.

Croatia could take the game if Atti Abonyi can find enough room to weave one of his magic spells, but

no doubt he will be watched without relaxation.

It all points to a great match, which should produce one of Sydney's biggest Saturday crowds for a very long time indeed.

MONARO v BANKSTOWN

Although Croatia have been taking a little of the shine off Monaro's record, they look good for two points against Bankstown.

Unfortunately they go into the game without the services of Sebastian Giampaolo, who is one of two State League men in the Australian squad

against Greece at Sydney Cricket Ground.

Dave Tansley and Dennis Daley are overdue to start cracking in some goals for Bankstown, and if their combination continues to improve then the Monaro defence is due to find the going tough.

Dave Morrison has been a very consistent worker in Bankstown's defence this year, and he has certainly come good since moving from the Sutherland ranks.

ATTI ABONYI AND McGOVERN SHINE

The big new name in State League scoring this season is Ian McGovern, who is equalling former Socceroo Atti Abonyi at the top.

McGovern, an APIA import some years ago, has never knocked them in as well as he has this season.

His ability to turn half chances into goals is responsible in no small measure for Melita Eagles' almost undeniable push for a top four position.

Abonyi is scoring at almost the same rate as he did last year, although the competition is proving much tougher.

Monaro has provided two outstanding scorers in Walt Valeri and Sebastian Giampaolo.

John Doyle (APIA) has moved a little down the list, as have Denis

Daley (Bankstown) and Peter Beggs, now with Sutherland but then with Wollongong.

Nick Fenoughty was a sound scorer for Croatia last year, but he decided not to return to Australia from England.

Mick Stephenson transferred his scoring skills over from Arncliffe to Auburn.

Fenoughty's place for Croatia has been taken by Kevin Coleman.

On his day there is no-one more capable of raining in devastating shots on the opposition.

Top scorers are: Abonyi 10, McGovern 10, W. Valeri 7, K. Coleman 6, M. Stephenson 6, J. Doyle 6, S. Giampaolo 5, J. Izatt 5.

Oceania rolls for Australia

Australia will be back in the Oceania Confederation in October.

This is the certain outcome of Taiwan's resignation from the Confederation, according to Australian Soccer Federation secretary, Brian Le Fevre, who arrived back from the FIFA Congress in Buenos Aires last Friday.

The Australian Federation could not rejoin Oceania whilst Taiwan remained in membership.

Taiwan purports to represent the whole of China, whereas the Australian Government recognised the Peoples Republic of China.

FIFA is likely to give Oceania representation on its executive once it is sure that Australia and New Zealand can work together harmoniously as the major partners, along with Papua-New Guinea and Fiji.

Australia's re-entry was also made possible by the removal of executive officers as voting members of Oceania — now only countries will vote.

Associate members New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Tahiti and later Solomon Islands will have one vote on internal matters as against two for full members.

On the FIFA scene there seems to be no chance that the 1982 World Cup in Spain will go beyond 16 entrants.

Technically the series could be expanded to 20 or even 24 countries, but most nations realise that there is a limit to the time over which the World Cup can be conducted.

And obviously former Hamburg coach Rudi Gutendorf has created quite a hit with ASF president Sir Arthur George and secretary Le Fevre.

Actually Sir Arthur is believed to have been unhappy that Gutendorf's name had become known. The names of many interested parties have been kept silent as Australia is not the only national coaching post for which they have applied.

The appointee, who will become known after the ASF meets in early August, is to receive a \$40,000 per annum salary.

His only other duties will be to assist in the National Coaching Scheme without being involved in direct responsibilities for a region.

NSW & Q'LD TO CLASH

The NSW and Queensland Federations are expected to make an early announcement on an interstate clash between the two States.

The date is to be determined but the game will be played midweek at Perry Park, Brisbane.

NSW Federation president Karei Rodny told us: "This will certainly help to cement good relationships between our neighbouring States."

The match was to take place before the Derby County game, and then before the Inter Milan game, both of which were aborted.

The game could draw very well in Brisbane, where the urge to down a team from the south has never been greater.

Players chosen would be drawn from the respective State League competitions, Mr Rodny said.

SATURDAYS 1P.M.	
ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE	
THIS WEEK	
SATURDAY, JUNE 17	
FIRST DIVISION	
Sutherland v MV Olympic	Seymour Shaw
Melita v Croatia	Garside Park
SECOND DIVISION	
Guildford v Gladesville Hby	Guildford Park
Polonia v NS Inter	Chopin Park
SUNDAY, JUNE 18	
FIRST DIVISION	
Monaro v Bankstown	Marco Polo
INTERNATIONAL	
Australia v Greece	S.C.G.
NEXT WEEK	
SATURDAY, JUNE 24	
FIRST DIVISION	
Granville v Inter Monaro	Garside Park
Sutherland v Toongabbie	Seymour Shaw
Avala v Melita	Mona Park
SECOND DIVISION	
U.N.S.W. v Marrickville	David Phillips Field
Belmore v Gladesville Hby	Bluck Oval
SUNDAY, JUNE 25	
FIRST DIVISION	
Arncliffe v MV Olympic	Hurstville Oval
APIA v Manly	Lambert Park
Auburn v Yugal	Mona Park
Bankstown v Croatia	Soccer Centre
SECOND DIVISION	
Revesby v Polonia	Milperra Reserve
Ku-ring-gai v Queens Park	Parkland Oval
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